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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)
Plaintiff,	) CASE NO. C-1-00-637
v.	
DANIEL GREEN, LW.G. CO., INC. f/k/a	)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	) DISTRICT HIDGE MICHAEL
GREEN INDUSTRIES INC., THE ESTATE	) DISTRICT JUDGE MICHAEL
OF MAURICE GREEN, DANIEL GREEN	) WATSON
IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE PERSONAL	)
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE	
OF MAURICE GREEN, and HARD SURFACE	E )
TECHNOLOGY INC.,	)
Defendants	)
and	)
	)
SAUNDRA GREEN, wife of	)
DEFENDANT DANIEL GREEN, and	,
OMNI INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, INC.	)
	)
Rule 19 Defendants	)
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## ANSWER OF OMNI INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, INC. TO THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Rule 19 Defendant Omni Industrial Properties, Inc. ("Omni Industrial") states as follows for its answer to the Third Amended Complaint:

- 1. Omni Industrial is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 2. Omni Industrial admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Third Amended Complaint.

- 3. Omni Industrial denies all allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Third Amended Complaint.
- 4. Omni Industrial denies all allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Third Amended Complaint except admits that Defendant L.W.G. Co., Inc. (LWG) sold, for fair consideration, property located at 9461 Le Saint Drive, Fairfield, Ohio to Omni Industrial in April 1994.
- 5. Omni Industrial states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 of the Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 6. Omni Industrial denies all allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of the Third Amended Complaint, except admits that in April 1994, Defendant LWG sold its property located at 9461 Le Saint Drive, Fairfield, Ohio to Omni Industrial for fair consideration.
- 7. Omni Industrial denies all allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of the Third Amended Complaint.
- 8. Omni Industrial states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 9. Omni Industrial denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 46 of the Third Amended Complaint except admits that it has not paid the United States for any costs incurred at the Site.

- 10. With respect to Paragraph 47 of the Third Amended Complaint, Omni Industrial reasserts its responses to Paragraphs 1 through 46 of the Third Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 11. Omni Industrial denies all allegations contained in Paragraph 48 of the Third Amended Complaint, except states that Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a) speaks for itself.
- 12. Omni Industrial states that it is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55 of the Third Amended Complaint and therefore denies the same.
- 13. Omni Industrial denies all allegations contained in Paragraphs 56, 57 and 58 of the Third Amended Complaint.

#### **DEFENSES**

- 1. Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part by the affirmative defense of statute of limitations.
- 3. Plaintiff's claims within the Third Amended Complaint are barred by the affirmative defenses of laches, waiver and estoppel.
- 4. Omni Industrial reserves the right to amend its answer to assert additional affirmative defenses and/or third-party claims as appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Omni Industrial, requests that the Court:

- a. Dismiss the Third Amended Complaint, with prejudice;
- b. Award Omni Industrial its reasonable attorneys fees; and
- c. Award Omni Industrial all other relief to which it may be entitled.

### Respectfully Submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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